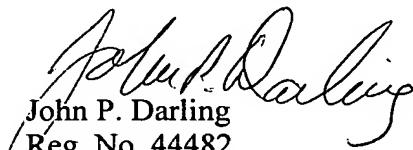


REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-9 have been amended.  
Applicant requests an early and favorable examination on the merits.

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